

REMARKS

In the response dated May 2, 2008, the applicants elected a different species than presently elected. Shortly after filing the response, the applicants recognized an error in the species election and contacted the Examiner on May 5, 2008 to notify him that a Supplemental Response/Election would soon follow. The Examiner graciously agreed to delay examination until such Supplemental Response/Election was filed. The present Supplemental Election/Restriction is meant to supersede the response dated May 2, 2008.

In the restriction requirement dated January 3, 2008, the Examiner requested an election of the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-15, 32 and 35;
- Group II: Claims 16-19, 22-25 and 33;
- Group III: Claims 20-25 and 33;
- Group IV: Claims 22-25 and 33;
- Group V: Claims 30-32 and 35;
- Group VI: Claims 32 and 35;
- Group VII: Claim 32, drawn to methods of treating autoimmune disease(s) with the use of a peptide(s) per se;
- Group VIII: Claim 32, drawn to methods of treating autoimmune disease(s) with the use of both a recognition molecule(s) and a peptide(s); and
- Group IX: Claim 34.

The applicants hereby elect **Group I: Claims 1-15, 32 and 35.**

The Examiner also requested an election of species in view of an election of a group. The applicants hereby elect **dilatative cardiomyopathy** and peptide **ARRCYND**.

The applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected embodiments in one or more divisional applications. Moreover, applicants hereby reserve the right to rejoin embodiments, should rejoinder be appropriate.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires any further extension of time, Applicants respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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